C O N C O R D I A U N I V E R S I T Y

SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

M I N U T E S

(of SRC meeting held on Friday, April 20, 1990, at 1:00 p.m., in Room BC-110, SGW campus)

ATTENDANCE -

Members present:	J.N. Lightstone (Chair), P. Albert, V.V. Baba, U. DeBrentani, E. Doedel, D. Ginter, D. Gold, M. Lefebvre, B. Mackay, G. Mergen, J. Segovia, A. Williams, Evelyne Loo (Secretary)
Absent with regrets:	C. Apostostolakos, K. Lipke, S. Sankar, M.N.S. Swamy

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE In advance:

SRC-90-04-20-D100 - MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE WITH REFERENCE TO THE HEARING WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA (MAY 3-4, UNIVERSITE DE MONTREAL).

SRC-90-04-20-D101 - MEMORANDUM FROM J. SEGOVIA REGARDING THE ISSUES HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE RAISED BY CONCORDIA AT THE ROYAL SOCIETY'S MEETING.

SRC-90-04-20-D102 - MEMORANDUM FROM U. DEBRENTANI REGARDING THE ISSUES SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE RAISED BY CONCORDIA AT THE ROYAL SOCIETY'S MEETING.

SRC-90-04-20-D103 - EXCERPT FROM GRADUATE STUDIES NEWS [MARCH 1990, 5(2)] "UNIVERSITY RESEARCH - A NATIONAL CONCERN?", BY DEAN M.E. SZABO.

SRC-90-04-20-D104 - DRAFT COPY OF THE "ORAL PRESENTATION BEFORE THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA'S COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AT CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES".

At Meeting:

SRC-90-04-20-D105 - REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE VICE-RECTOR, ACADEMIC DATED APRIL 16, 1990 WITH RESPECT TO FACULTY RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

Dr. Jack N. Lightstone occupied the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1.1 The agenda was approved by the Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

2.1 Chair proposed to postpone the approval of the minutes to the next meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

3.1 None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

4.0 Report of the Director of ORS

4.1.1 Audrey Williams reported that the preliminary results of the SSHRC competition to the individuals would be out by April 30th. Results of last fall have been announced. The Concordia results indicate a low success rate. This is apparently similar across the country due in large measure to the great number of high quality applications combined with a limited budget.

4.2 FRDP

4.2.1 The FRDP was announced by the Vice-Rector Academic. The operating budget, in the amount of $375,000, for 1991 has been approved.

4.3 Library Acquisitions

4.3.1 The Chair followed up on the query regarding the use of the special grant of $1,000,000 from the Quebec Government and was informed that these acquisitions will be completed within the next twelve months.

4.4 Helping Faculty develop research proposals: Fine Arts

4.4.1 As a follow-up to Dr. Lightstone's memo to the Faculty Deans regarding assistance in the development of Research Proposals, the Faculty of Fine Arts will be holding a workshop on April 25th for researchers to discuss their research projects.

5.1 Royal Society of Canada

The Chair confirmed that the meeting with the Royal Society of Canada will be held on May 3rd and Concordia will be given three 10 minute slots. In one presentation Dr. Lightstone will discuss the question of differentiation and research funding. B. Mackay will discuss Fine Arts and its place in an academy institution.

D. Ginter proposed that the two presentations take up the total time period allotted to us. It was recommended that the Rector be in attendance at this presentation, as an indication of his strong commitment to research.

6.1 Socialization of Faculty to Value of RSCA

Dr. P. Albert summarized his paper on the Socialization of Faculty to the Value of Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity (RSCA) (SRC-90-03-22-D98).

7.0

The Chair asked the committee to recommend the extension of Dr. D. Ginter's and Dr. E. Doedel's contracts, it was moved by V.V. Baba and seconded by J. Segovia.

8.0

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05. The next meeting is scheduled for the fall.